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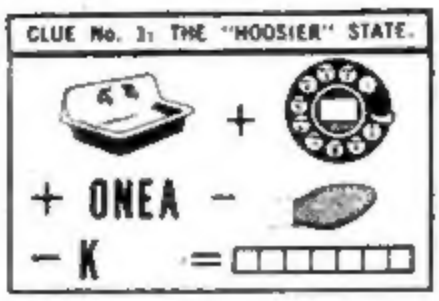

You will see there are a SINK, a DIAL, the SOLE of a shoe and various letters of the alphabet. There are two plus and two minus signs. It is necessary to add and subtract the names and letters as shown by the plus and minus signs. First, write down SINK. Then, add DIAL to it. Next, add ONEA. All this equals SINKDIALONEA. Now, you must subtract the letters in SOLE and K. When this is done you are left with INDIANA. Indiana is the Hoosier State, so the result checks with Clue No. 1.

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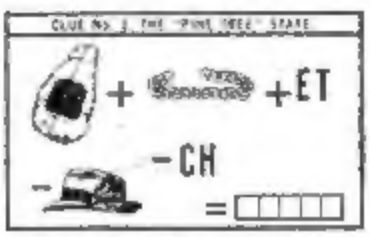

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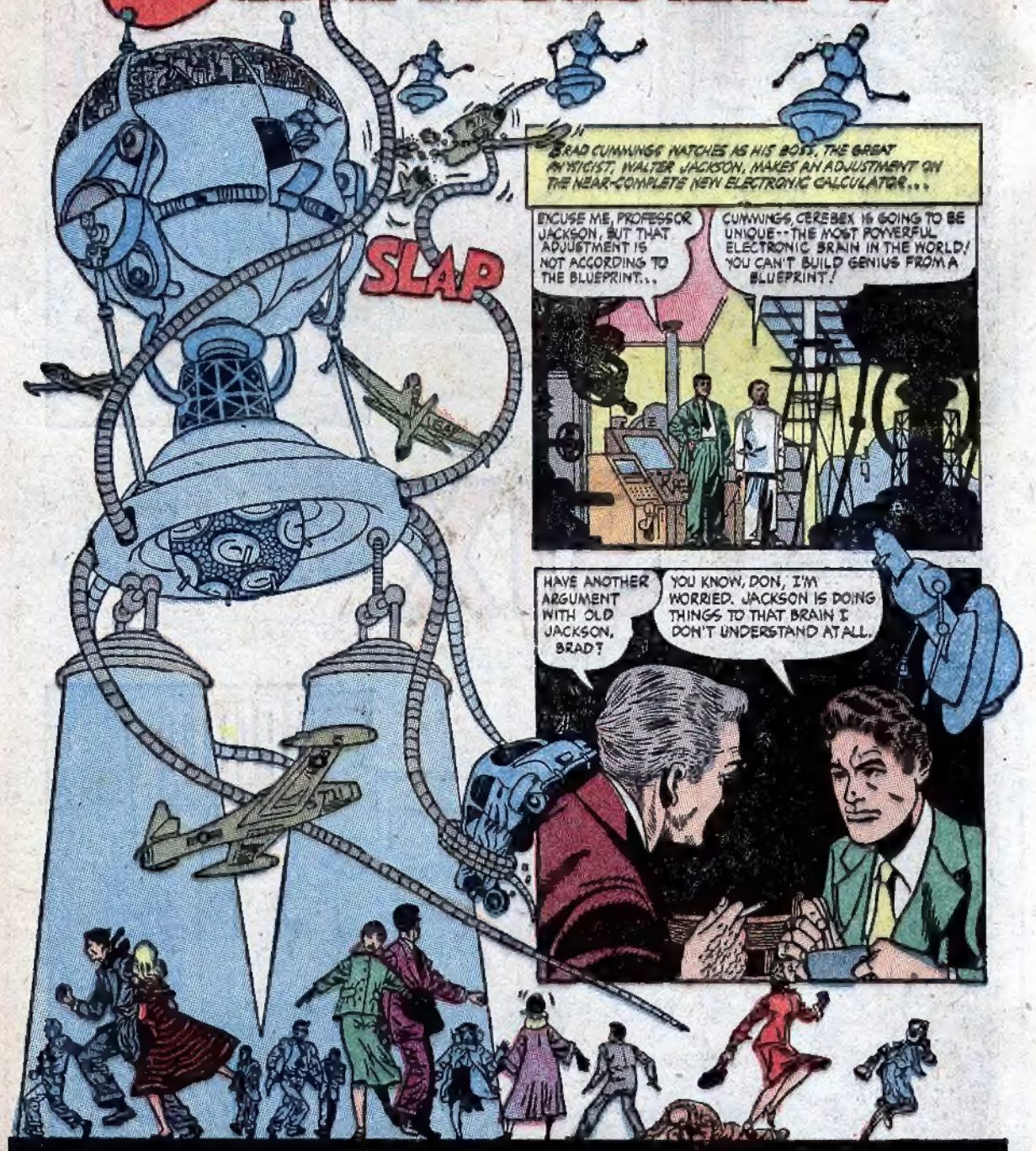

SLAP
BRAD CUMMINGS WATCHES AS HIS BOSS, THE GREAT PHYSICIST, WALTER JACKSON, MAKES AN ADJUSTMENT ON THE NEAR-COMPLETE NEW ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR...
EXCUSE ME, PROFESSOR JACKSON, BUT THAT ADJUSTMENT IS NOT ACCORDING TO THE BLUEPRINT...
CUMMINGS, CEREBEX IS GOING TO BE UNIQUE--THE MOST POWERFUL ELECTRONIC BRAIN IN THE WORLD! YOU CAN'T BUILD GENIUS FROM A BLUEPRINT!
HAVE ANOTHER ARGUMENT WITH OLD JACKSON, BRAD?
YOU KNOW, DON, I'M WORRIED. JACKSON IS DOING THINGS TO THAT BRAIN I DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL.

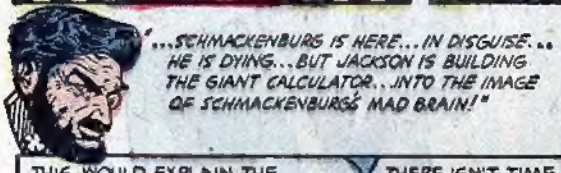
THE GIANT ELECTRONIC "BRAIN" WAS A MARVEL OF MODERN INGENUITY--UNTIL IT WAS TWISTED INTO THE DEVILISH PATTERNS OF A MADMAN'S MIND!

Bill Benulis

YOU ARE DR. BRAD CUMMINGS? I MUST TALK TO YOU! IT IS URGENT!
CERTAINLY! JOIN US, WON'T YOU, MISS ..

...SMITH! CALL ME MARY SMITH! I MUST TELL YOU SOMETHING...ABOUT PROFESSOR JACKSON--AND THE GIANT BRAIN! YOU REMEMBER THE TERRIBLE DICTATOR SCHMACKENBURG?

SURE--SCHMACKENBURG TRIED TO CONQUER THE WORLD, BUT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THAT BUNKER.
THE SUICIDE WAS A SHAM! I TELL YOU SCHMACKENBURG LIVES...AND YOUR PROFESSOR JACKSON IS ONE OF HIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS!


"...SCHMACKENBURG IS HERE...IN DISGUISE... HE IS DYING...BUT JACKSON IS BUILDING THE GIANT CALCULATOR...INTO THE IMAGE OF SCHMACKENBURG'S MAD BRAIN!"

THIS WOULD EXPLAIN THE WAY JACKSON HAS BEEN ACTING... AND YET WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE YOU...?
THERE ISN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN! HURRY! TO THE LABORATORY!

THEY ARRIVE AT THE BUILDING HOUSING THE BRAIN...
THIS WILL FINISH THE JOB! THE MACHINE IS NOW RE-MOLDED INTO THE EXACT PATTERNS YOUR BRAIN SHOWED ON THE INSTRUMENTS, MASTER!
GOOD! YOU HAVE DONE WELL! WITH THIS I SHALL RULE THE WORLD ONCE AGAIN!

NO! IT IS MY WORK! I SHALL RULE THE WORLD! YOUR BRAIN WILL WORK FOR ME AS MINE HAS WORKED FOR YOU!
NEIN! NEIN! JACKSON, YOU DARE NOT... AAAAHHHH...
CRAAAAACK

JACKSON! YOU'RE INSANE!
STOP WHERE YOU ARE! WHEN I THROW THIS SWITCH, THE WORK OF CONQUEST BEGINS!
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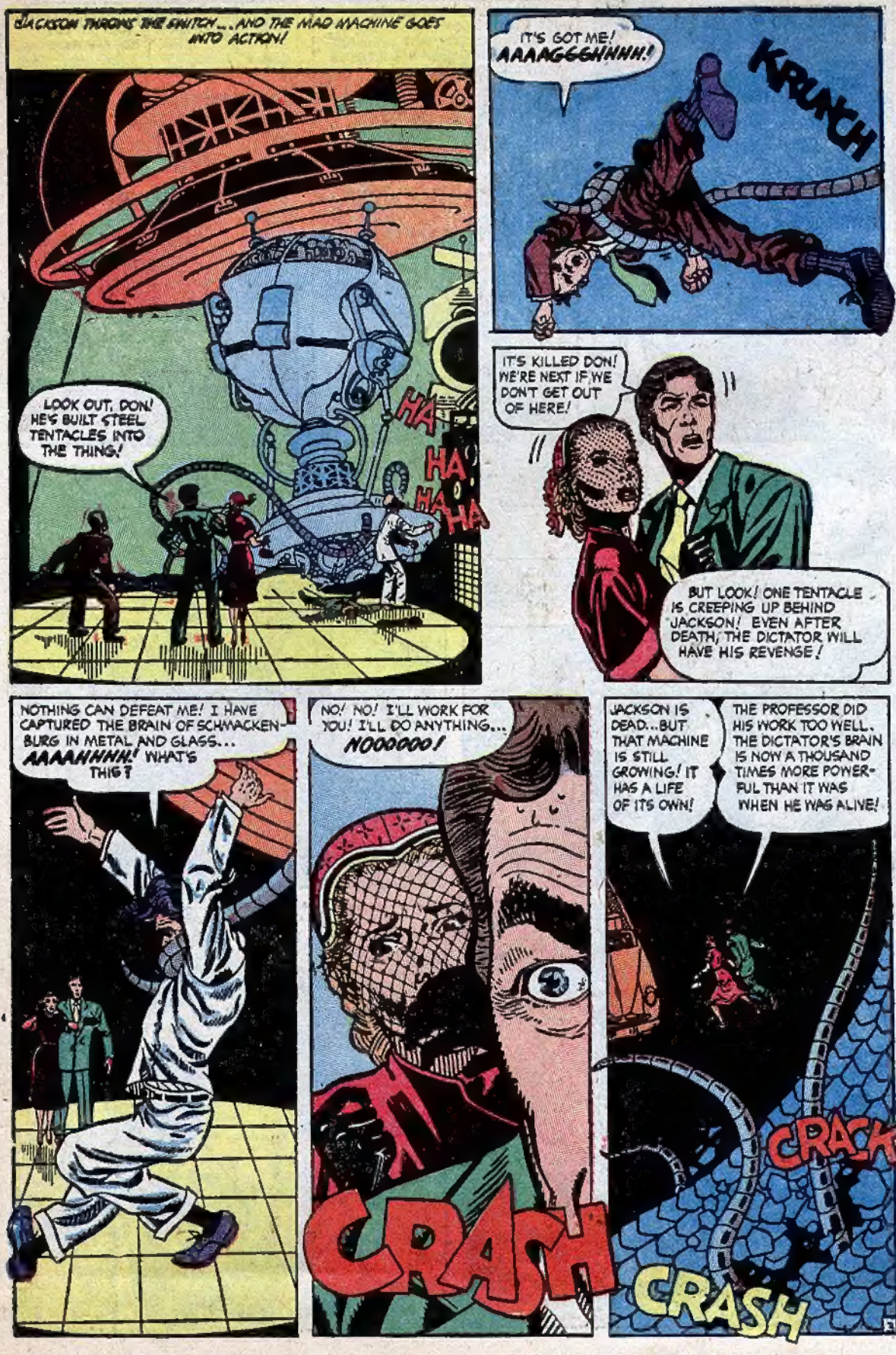
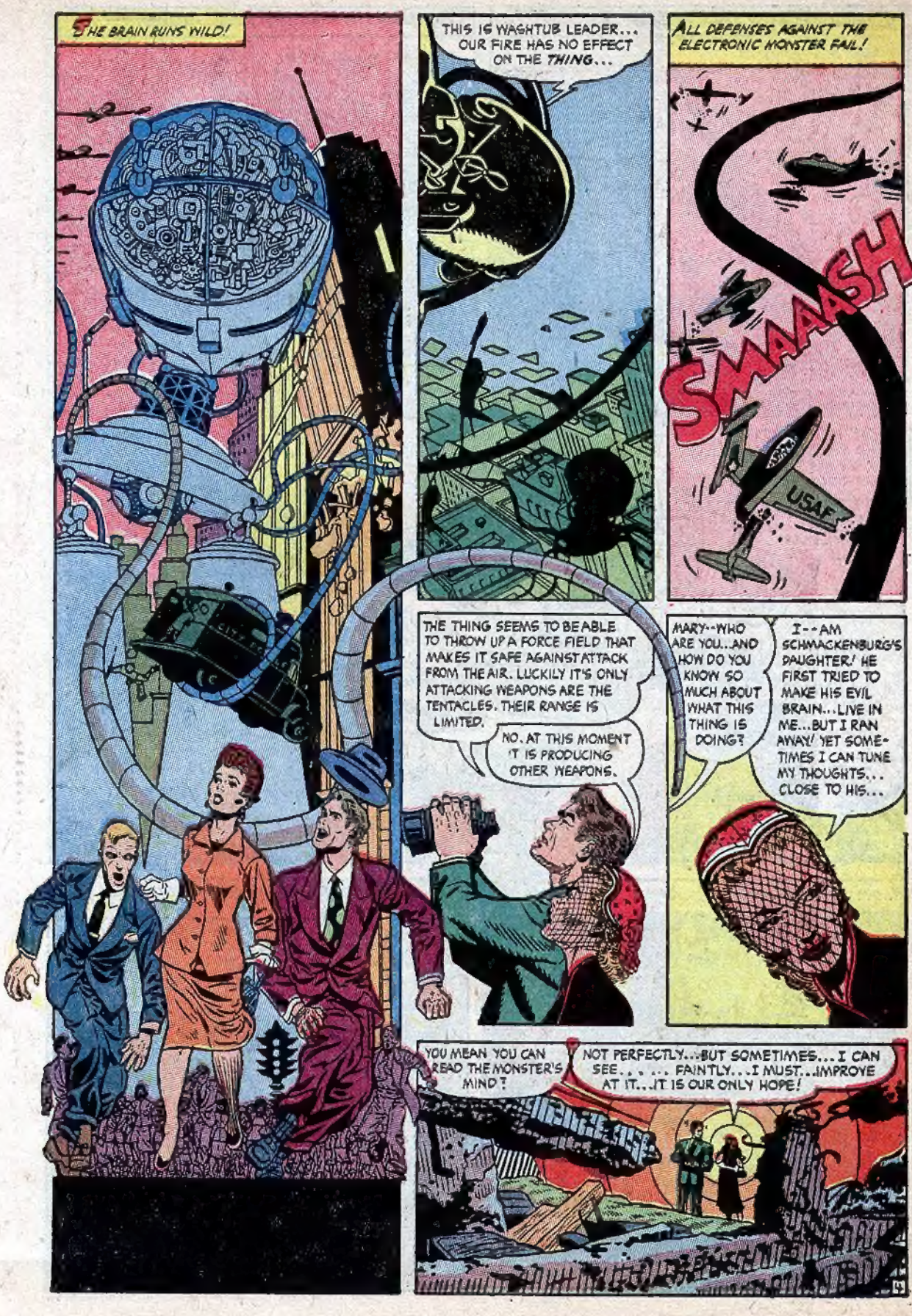
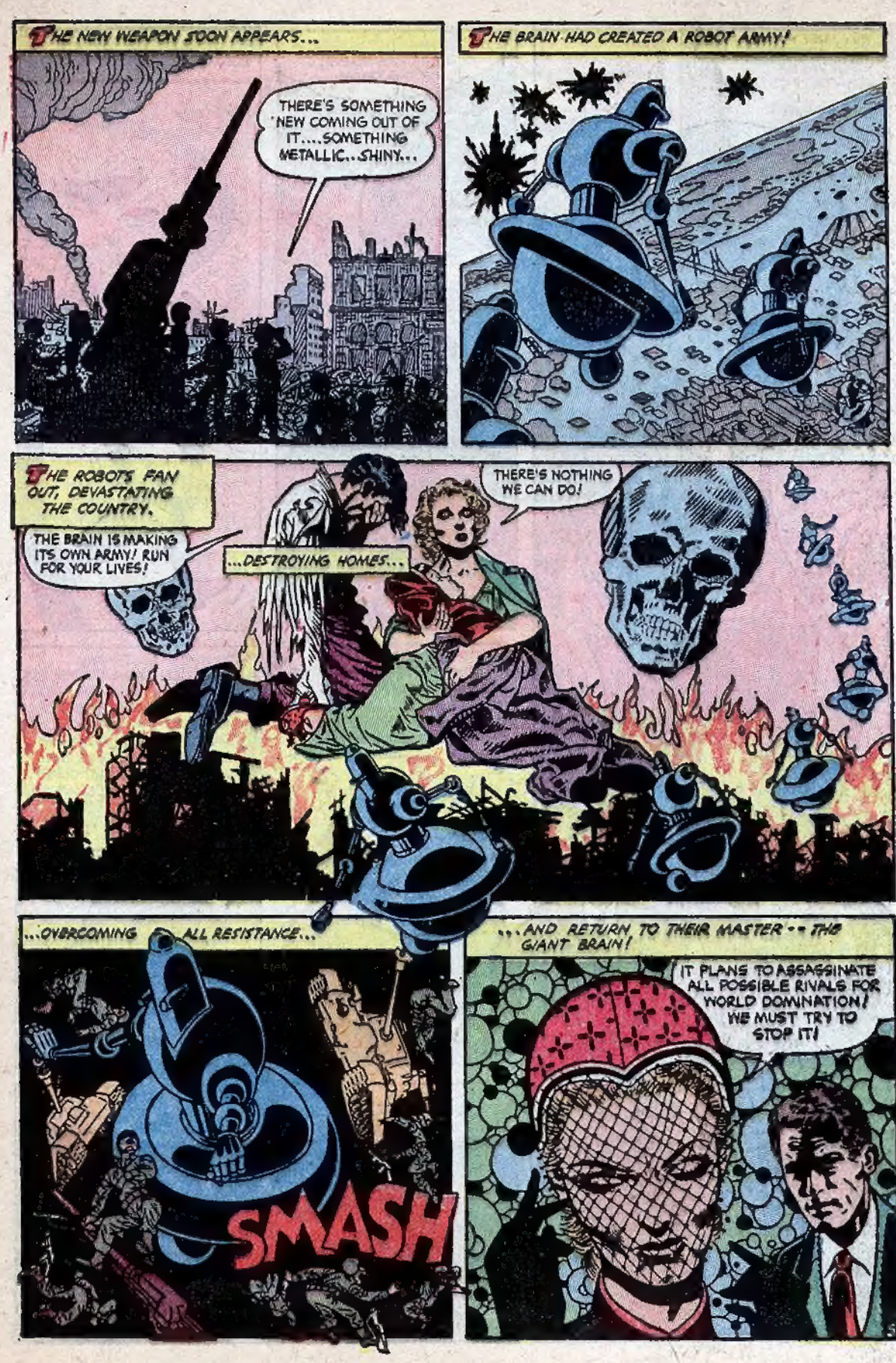
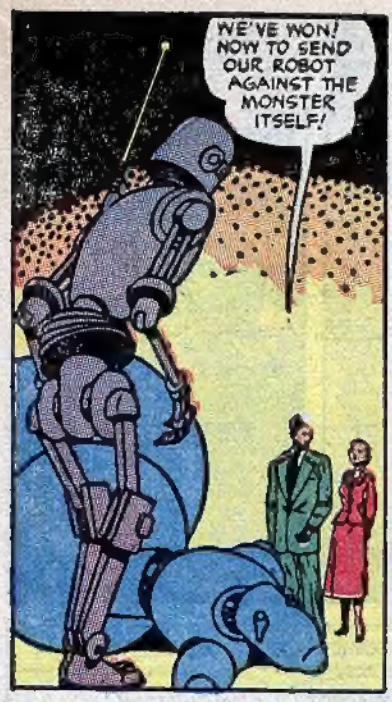
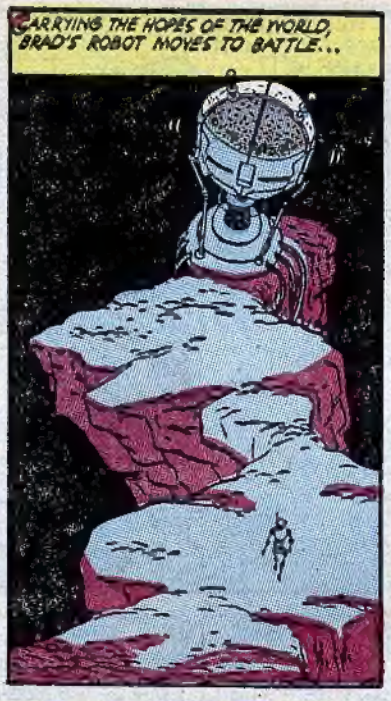

JACKSON THROWS THE SWITCH... AND THE MAD MACHINE GOES INTO ACTION!
LOOK OUT, DON! HE'S BUILT STEEL TENTACLES INTO THE THING!
HA HA HA HA
IT'S GOT ME! AAAAGGGHNNNH!
KRUNCH
IT'S KILLED DON! WE'RE NEXT IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT LOOK! ONE TENTACLE IS CREEPING UP BEHIND JACKSON! EVEN AFTER DEATH, THE DICTATOR WILL HAVE HIS REVENGE!
NOTHING CAN DEFEAT ME! I HAVE CAPTURED THE BRAIN OF SCHMACKENBURG IN METAL AND GLASS... AAAAHNNH! WHAT'S THIS?
NO! NO! I'LL WORK FOR YOU! I'LL DO ANYTHING... NOOOOOO!
CRASH
JACKSON IS DEAD...BUT THAT MACHINE IS STILL GROWING! IT HAS A LIFE OF ITS OWN!
THE PROFESSOR DID HIS WORK TOO WELL. THE DICTATOR'S BRAIN IS NOW A THOUSAND TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN IT WAS WHEN HE WAS ALIVE!
CRACK
CRASH


THE BRAIN RUNS WILD!
THIS IS WASHTUB LEADER... OUR FIRE HAS NO EFFECT ON THE THING...
ALL DEFENSES AGAINST THE ELECTRONIC MONSTER FAIL!
SMAAASH
USAF
THE THING SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO THROW UP A FORCE FIELD THAT MAKES IT SAFE AGAINST ATTACK FROM THE AIR. LUCKILY IT'S ONLY ATTACKING WEAPONS ARE THE TENTACLES. THEIR RANGE IS LIMITED.
NO. AT THIS MOMENT IT IS PRODUCING OTHER WEAPONS.
MARY--WHO ARE YOU..AND HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT THIS THING IS DOING?
I--AM SCHMACKENBURG'S DAUGHTER! HE FIRST TRIED TO MAKE HIS EVIL BRAIN...LIVE IN ME...BUT I RAN AWAY! YET SOMETIMES I CAN TUNE MY THOUGHTS... CLOSE TO HIS...
YOU MEAN YOU CAN READ THE MONSTER'S MIND?
NOT PERFECTLY...BUT SOMETIMES... I CAN SEE. . . ... FAINTLY...I MUST...IMPROVE AT IT...IT IS OUR ONLY HOPE!

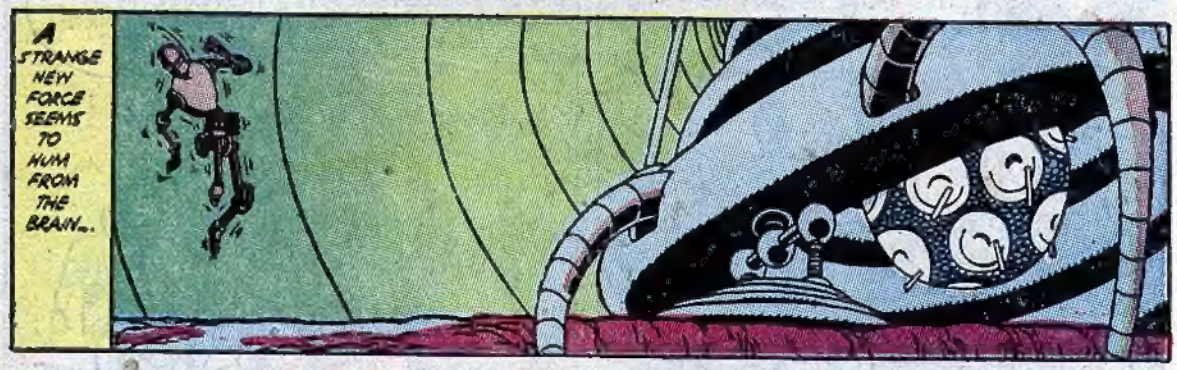

THE NEW WEAPON SOON APPEARS...
THERE'S SOMETHING NEW COMING OUT OF IT....SOMETHING METALLIC..SHINY...
THE BRAIN HAD CREATED A ROBOT ARMY!
THE ROBOTS FAN OUT, DEVASTATING THE COUNTRY.
THE BRAIN IS MAKING ITS OWN ARMY! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
...DESTROYING HOMES...
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!
...OVERCOMING ALL RESISTANCE...
SMASH
...AND RETURN TO THEIR MASTER -- THE GIANT BRAIN!
IT PLANS TO ASSASSINATE ALL POSSIBLE RIVALS FOR WORLD DOMINATION! WE MUST TRY TO STOP IT!

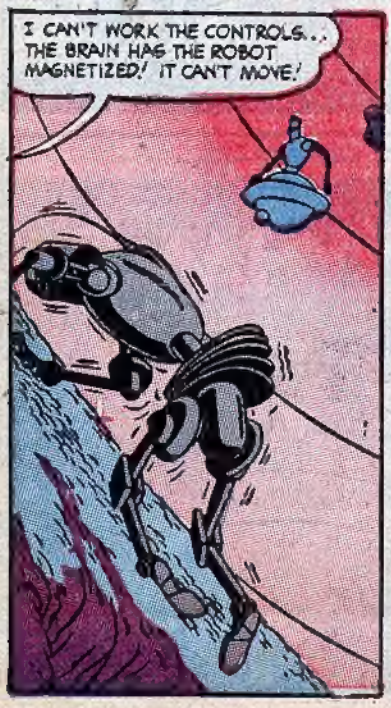
YOU MUST WARN THE PRIME MINISTER...THE BRAIN HAS MARKED HIM FOR DEATH!
IT IS TOO LATE! A ROBOT HAS ALREADY BEEN HERE!
RING
RING
RING
RING
THERE IS ONE POSSIBILITY... IF THE BRAIN CAN BUILD A ROBOT, SO CAN I! I KNOW WHERE THERE'S A LITTLE LABORATORY ON A DESERTED COLLEGE CAMPUS...
LET'S GO THERE! WE MUST TRY IT!
SECRETLY SUPPLIED WITH MATERIALS BY THOSE UNDER THE BRAIN'S DOMINATION, BRAD WORKS FEVERISHLY!
THE TENTACLES CAN'T TRAP THIS ROBOT! IT WILL TEAR RIGHT THROUGH THEM!
AT LAST THE FRIENDLY ROBOT IS COMPLETED!
ONE OF THE BRAIN'S ROBOTS IS COMING!
THEN OUR OWN LITTLE PET HERE WILL HAVE HIS FIRST TEST!
THIS PORTABLE CONTROL PANEL BETTER KEEP WORKING ..
THEN THE ROBOT COMES TO LIFE...
WHAM


WE'VE WON! NOW TO SEND OUR ROBOT AGAINST THE MONSTER ITSELF!


CARRYING THE HOPES OF THE WORLD, BRAD'S ROBOT MOVES TO BATTLE...

THIS SHOULD DO IT! OUR ROBOT SHOULD BE TOO POWERFUL!
I DON'T KNOW... I'M AFRAID...THE BRAIN HAS BEEN WARNED, AND IT MAY HAVE SOME NEW MENACE...


A STRANGE NEW FORCE SEEMS TO HUM FROM THE BRAIN...


I CAN'T WORK THE CONTROLS... THE BRAIN HAS THE ROBOT MAGNETIZED! IT CAN'T MOVE!

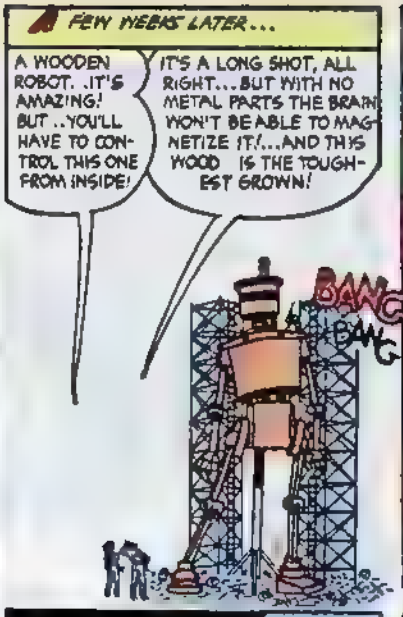
WE'RE BEATEN! RUN!

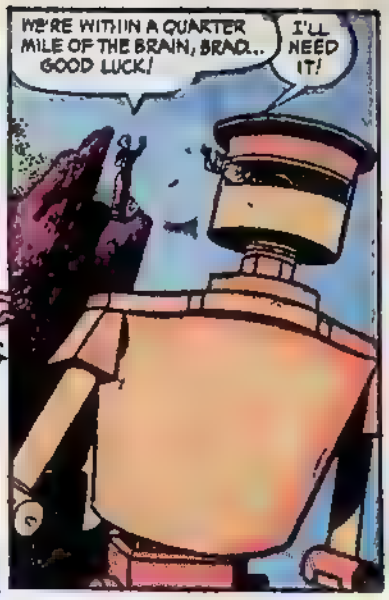
IF WE GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE.. I KNOW HOW WE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAT IT...

ELUDING THE BRAIN'S MECHANOIDS, BRAD AND MARY GO DEEP INTO THE WOODS, AT LAST FIND THEIR DESTINATION ..

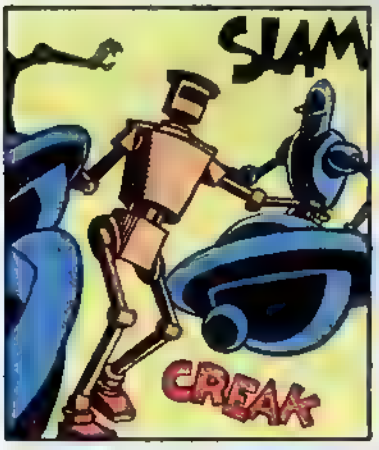
YOU HAVE TO DO THIS FOR ME, CARLSON...IT'S THE ONE LAST CHANCE OF THE FREE WORLD!
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, IF IT HELPS US FIGHT BACK AT THAT STEEL MONSTER!

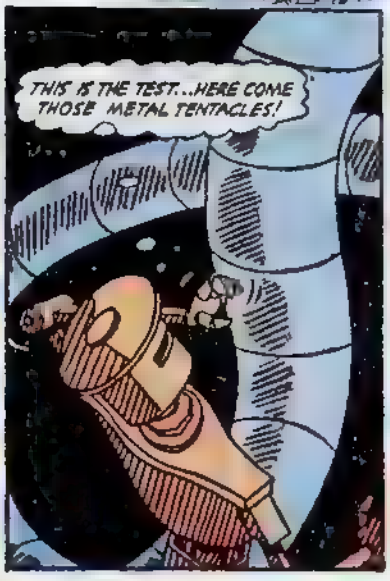
A FEW WEEKS LATER...

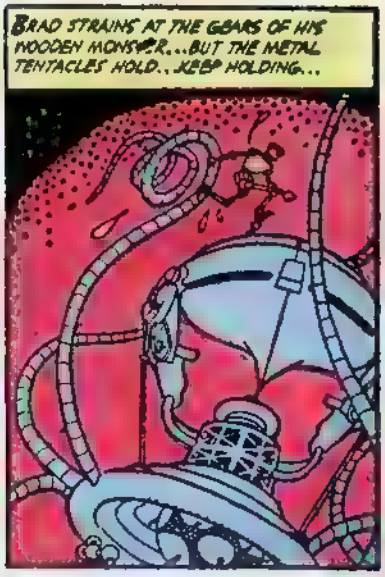

A WOODEN ROBOT. .IT'S AMAZING! BUT ..YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTROL THIS ONE FROM INSIDE!
IT'S A LONG SHOT, ALL RIGHT...BUT WITH NO METAL PARTS THE BRAIN WON'T BE ABLE TO MAGNETIZE IT!...AND THIS WOOD IS THE TOUGHEST GROWN!
BANG
BANG



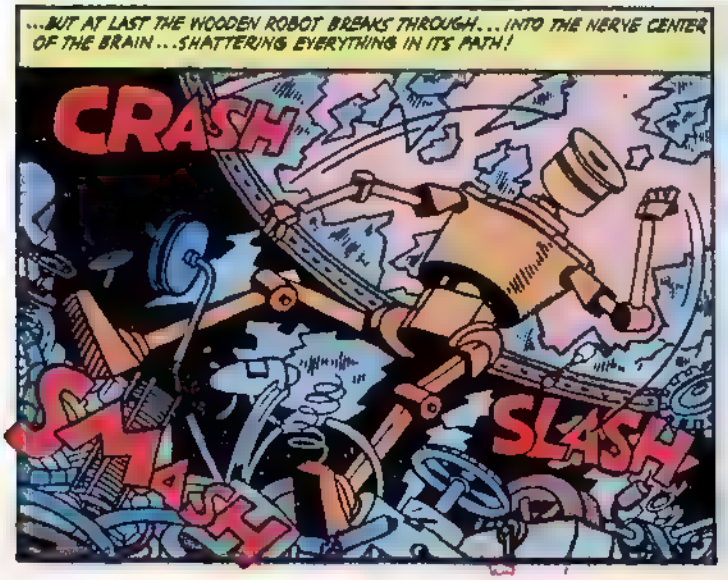
WITH BRAD CONTROLLING FROM THE INSIDE, THE HUGE WOODEN ROBOT SHOULDERS PAST THE BRAIN'S METAL SOLDIERS... THE MAGNETIC RAYS HAVE NO EFFECT ON IT...

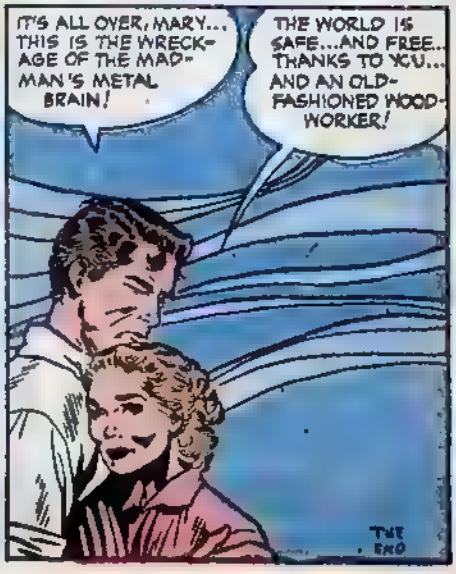






...BUT AT LAST THE WOODEN ROBOT BREAKS THROUGH...INTO THE NERVE CENTER OF THE BRAIN...SHATTERING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH!




IT'S ALL OVER, MARY... THIS IS THE WRECKAGE OF THE MADMAN'S METAL BRAIN!
THE WORLD IS SAFE...AND FREE.. THANKS TO YOU... AND AN OLD-FASHIONED WOODWORKER!
THE END

HE WAS CAPTAIN LANCE RAWLEY OF THE SPACE FREIGHTER QX-3 THAT PLIED BETWEEN EARTH AND MARS IN THE YEAR 2117. OR WAS HE? SOME SAID HE WAS DRUNK...A MADMAN! THIS IS HIS STORY...

The WONDER-WARP

BROADREADING HOME FROM MARS, THE QX-3 HAD BLOWN HER #4 ROCKET TUBE. FOR DAYS SHE HAD DRIFTED HELPLESSLY. BUT NOW, AT LAST..

GOT HER REPAIRED, CAPTAIN RAWLEY--THE NEW SECTIONS WELDED IN! WE'RE BACK IN BUSINESS!

QX-3

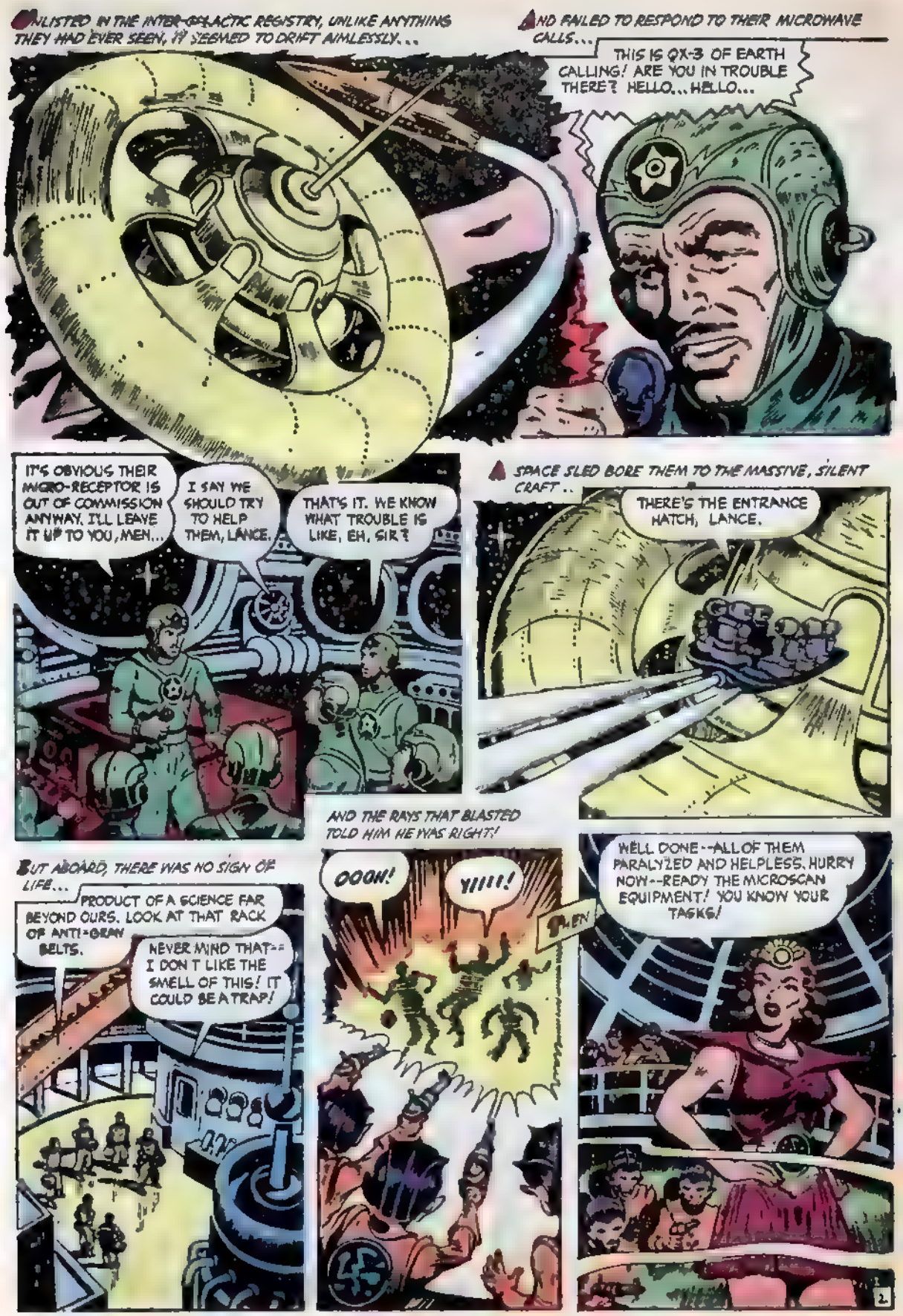
YES, BACK IN BUSINESS...FORSEEABLE DANGER PAST, BUT THEY WERE FAR OFF COURSE...

MORE THAN THIRTY THOUSAND.. NEAR THE UNEXPLORED ASTEROID BELT, EH, NAVIGATOR?

THAT'S IT, SIR.

AND IT WAS THEY THAT THE SCANNER SPOTTED IT

STRANGE CRAFT, CAPTAIN RAWLEY... OFF OUR PORT...THREE POINTS AZIMUTH!


UNLISTED IN THE INTER-GALACTIC REGISTRY, UNLIKE ANYTHING THEY HAD EVER SEEN, IT SEEMED TO DRIFT AIMLESSLY...
AND FAILED TO RESPOND TO THEIR MICROWAVE CALLS...
THIS IS QX-3 OF EARTH CALLING! ARE YOU IN TROUBLE THERE? HELLO...HELLO...
IT'S OBVIOUS THEIR MICRO-RECEPTOR IS OUT OF COMMISSION ANYWAY. I'LL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU, MEN...
I SAY WE SHOULD TRY TO HELP THEM, LANCE.
THAT'S IT. WE KNOW WHAT TROUBLE IS LIKE, EH, SIR?
SPACE SLED BORE THEM TO THE MASSIVE, SILENT CRAFT..
THERE'S THE ENTRANCE HATCH, LANCE.
BUT ABOARD, THERE WAS NO SIGN OF LIFE...
PRODUCT OF A SCIENCE FAR BEYOND OURS. LOOK AT THAT RACK OF ANTI-GRAV BELTS.
NEVER MIND THAT-- I DON'T LIKE THE SMELL OF THIS! IT COULD BE A TRAP!
AND THE RAYS THAT BLASTED TOLD HIM HE WAS RIGHT!
OOOH!
YIIII!
THEN
WELL DONE--ALL OF THEM PARALYZED AND HELPLESS. HURRY NOW--READY THE MICROSCAN EQUIPMENT! YOU KNOW YOUR TASKS!
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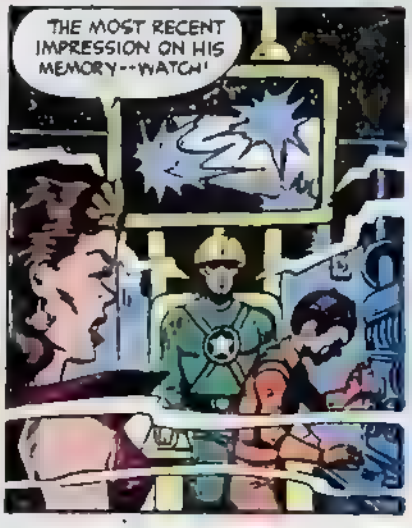
SHE WAS THE QUEEN-COMMANDER OF THIS ALIEN CRAFT, AND HER METALLIC TONES TOLD THE REASON FOR THE AMBUSH..

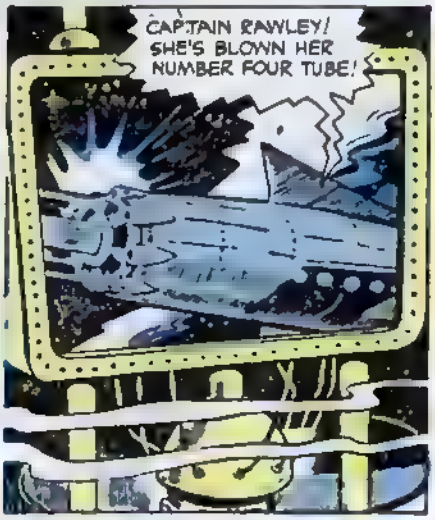
THE ALL-KNOWING REPORTS A CHANGELING ENEMY IN EARTH-KING'S FORM!
THE TRAITOR WHO POSSESSES ALL OUR SECRETS OF DEFENSE, O QUEEN?

DANCE COULD ONLY WATCH HELPLESSLY AS HIS NAVIGATOR WAS PLACED IN THE MICROSCAN TUBE, AS SWITCHES TWIRLED, AND POWER HUMMED...

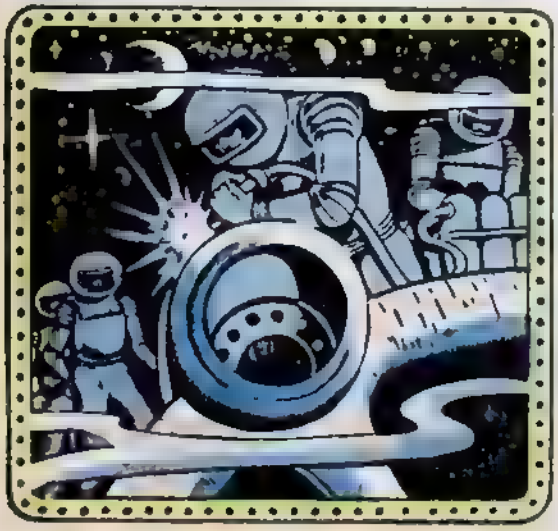
AND HIS CAPTORS SCANNED THE SCOPE WHERE A PICTURE SLOWLY FORMED...



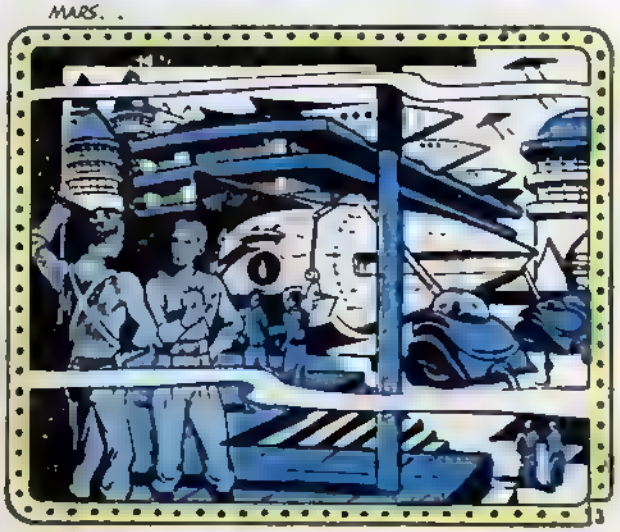
LAST FLIGHT OF THE QX-2. DEAD-HEADING HOME, AS...



THOSE ENDLESS HOURS OF LABOR AS THE FIGHTER WAS REPAIRED!



MORE POWER DEEPER INTO THE SUBJECT'S MEMORY. THE UNLOADING OF THE PRECIOUS MOLYBDERUM CARGO ON MARS...



THE DAY HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED INTO THE SPACE CORPS...

HEY, LISTEN TO THIS, YOU GUYS--I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO CAPTAIN LANCE RAWLEY'S COMMAND!

BUT NOW THE MEMORY IMAGE FADED. ANGRILY, THE ALIEN QUEEN TURNED FROM THE VIEWING SCOPE...

PAH-- HE IS NO CHANGELING TRAITOR! ONLY A CALLOW EARTHLING. QUICKLY--ANOTHER SUBJECT!

ONE BY ONE, THE OTHERS FOLLOWED UNTIL ONLY LANCE REMAINED. THE POWER THAT COURSED THROUGH HIM WAS A HUM AT FIRST; THEN A CRACKLE, A ROAR THAT SEARED AND BURNED.

BUT STILL...

NO IMAGE FROM HIS MEMORY, O QUEEN--HE DOES NOT *SEND!*

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

NO! SUPERIOR WILL... PHYSICAL RATING 2-" AT LEAST! I HAVE HEARD OF SUCH BEINGS--BUT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH THEM!

WITH A PRESSURE MASK THEY REVIVED LANCE AND FREED HIM THE EFFECTS OF THE PARALYSIS...

FOOLS! THERE IS NO CHANGELING AMONG US! RELEASE MY MEN...

IT WILL BE DONE WHEN OUR QUEEN COMMANDS IT. EARTHLING. SHE AWAITS YOU ON THE AFTER-DECK THERE!

IN THE SPLENDOR OF HER PRIVATE QUARTERS, SHE GREETED LANCE WARMLY...

I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THE TREATMENT YOU HAVE RECEIVED HERE, EARTHLING...I KNOW NOW THAT YOU ARE NO CHANGELING...

LET US BE FRIENDS. OTHERS FROM YOUR WORLD HAVE FOUND ME ATTRACTIVE.

ATTRACTIVE.. A SNAKE COILED TO STRIKE.

THE PELLET SHE DROPPED INTO HIS GLASS, THE BULGE OF BOOTS AND BLASTER BEHIND THE DRAPE TOLD HIM THAT..

HAVE TO STALL... WAIT FOR THE PROPER MOMENT!

NOW--HER BACK BETWEEN HIM AND THE READY GUN CLUTCH AND HURL...

Y-I-I-I-I! SHOOT HIM DOWN! KILL HIM!

KILL HIM! IT ECHOED THROUGH THE NIGHTMARE CRAFT AS HE RACED THROUGH THE CORRIDORS ..

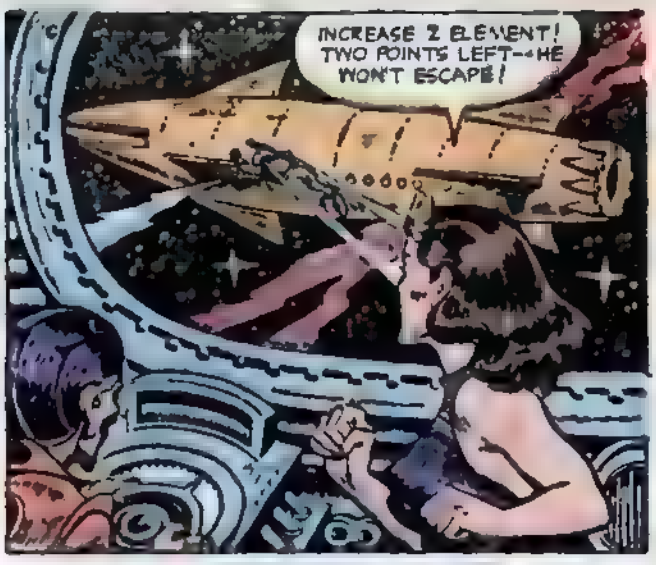
THE ANTI-GRAV EQUIPMENT! HE WILL ESCAPE!

SOMEHOW, INSISTED THE MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF LANCE RAWLEY, HE FOUGHT FREE AT THE ESCAPE HATCH..

DESERTING US--NO!

THERE WAS BUT ONE THOUGHT ON HIS MIND AS HE SPED FREE...

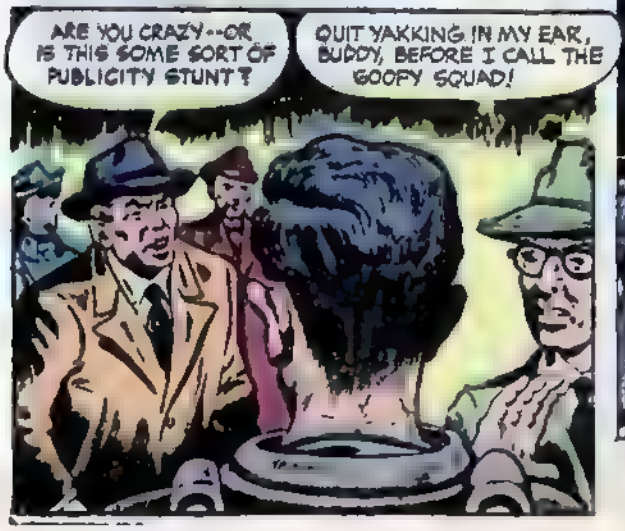
BUT NOW A CAPTURE BEAM KNIFED THE INKY VOID...

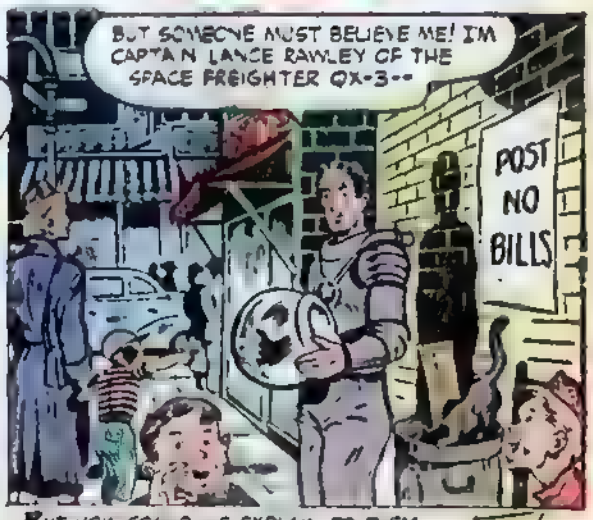


THE QX-3 A MOMENT AWAY, BUT NOW THE BEAM ARCHED CLOSER... CLOSER...

AND THEN THERE REMAINED BUT A WISP OF SMOKE WHERE A FUGITIVE ONCE WAS...

SO THAT WAS THE STORY TOLD BY THE MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF LANCE RAWLEY...





BUT HOW COULD HE EXPLAIN TO THEM THE TIME-WARP THAT HAD HURLED HIM BACK TO THE YEAR 1954?

THE END

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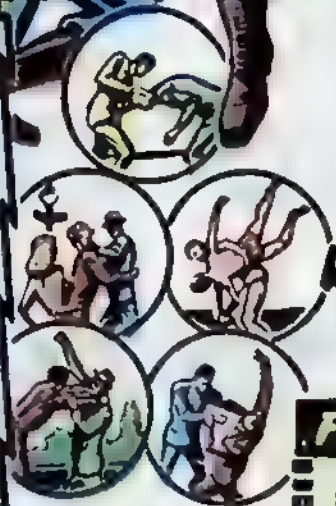

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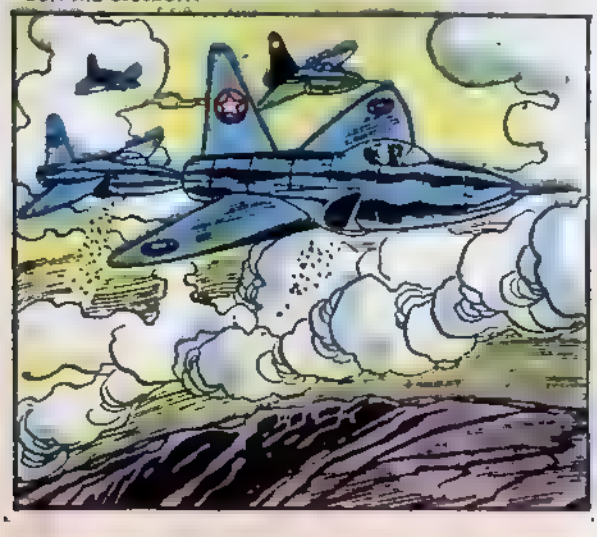
THE YEAR 1985 -- EVERY TWO YEARS EARTH HAS BEEN STRUCK BY A MYSTERIOUS DROUGHT... "RAINMAKING" PLANES VAINLY SOW THE CLOUDS...



HEY MCKAY, YOU CAN'T DO ANY GOOD AT THAT ALTITUDE
WELL WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY RAIN DOWN THERE MIGHT AS WELL TRY THIS.
SOME CLOUDS OVER THIS--HEY-- WHAT'S THAT? LIKE A LITTLE SPECK OF METAL...REFLECTING..
WHAT'S IT? DON'T KNOW OF ANY-THING WE HAVE FLYING AT THAT HEIGHT
IT LOOKS LIKE A SAUCER--
WHAT'S THAT GREEN STUFF? LOOKS LIKE A STREAM OF WATER ...BEING PUMPED OUT INTO SPACE?
I CAN'T..STAY UP HERE.. ANY LONGER...I BETTER GO DOWN AND REPORT THIS.
MCKAY RADIOED THAT HE SAW SOME-THING UP THERE...SOMETHING IMPORTANT

McKAY GIVES HIS REPORT...

I TELL YOU, GENERAL, IT'S UP THERE! PUMPING A STREAM OF WATER OUT INTO SPACE!

FANTASTIC!

WAIT A MINUTE.

WE'VE ALL READ THOSE REPORTS FROM THE KING'S AND 1950'S... HOW THEY HAD PERIODIC FLYING SAUCER SCARES...

THOSE SCARES CAME EVERY TWO YEARS! OUR TERRIBLE DROUGHTS HAVE BEEN COMING EVERY TWO YEARS...AND EVERY TWO YEARS THE PLANET MARS IS AT ITS CLOSEST TO EARTH! DOES THAT SUGGEST ANYTHING?

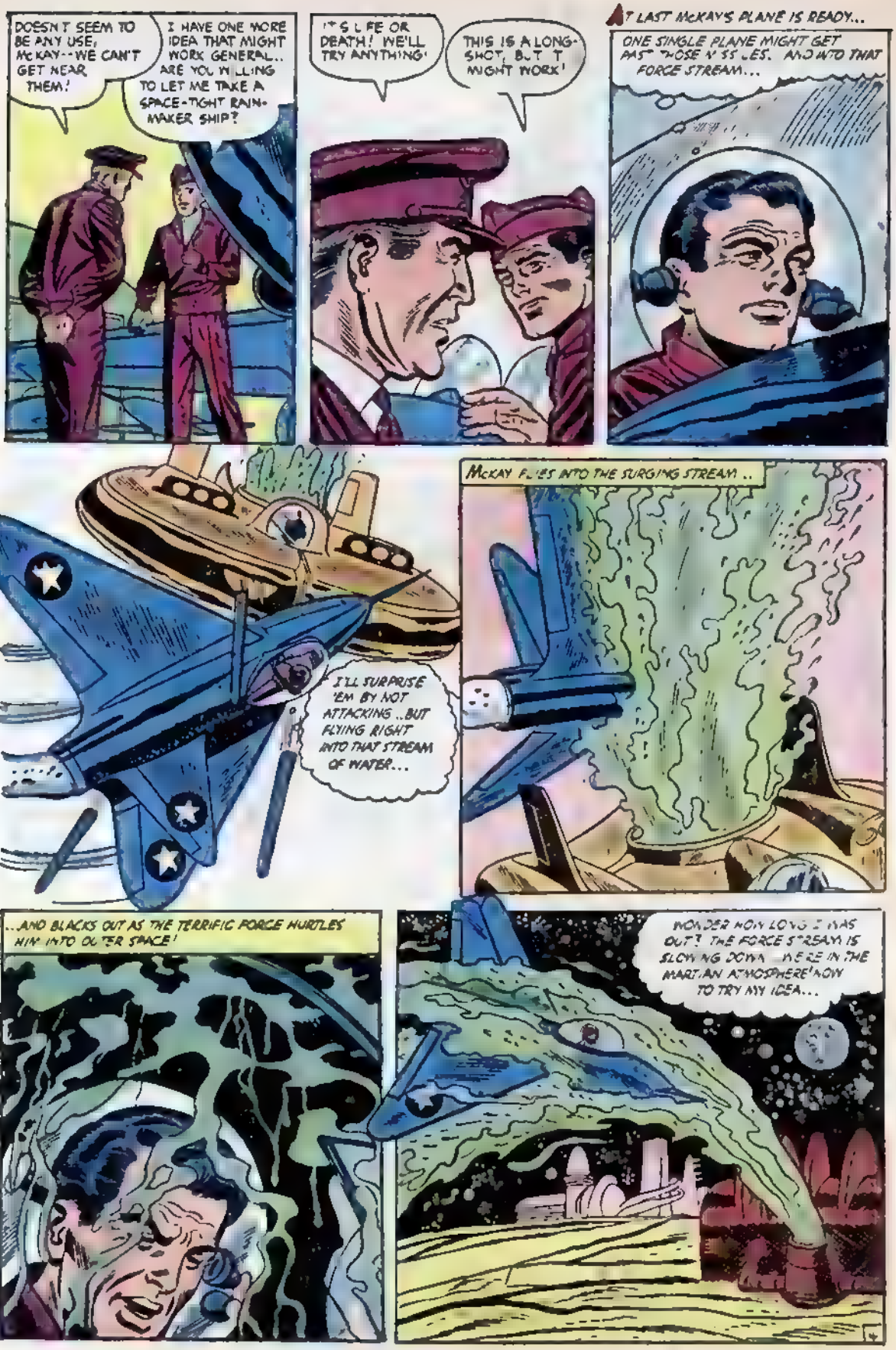
WE ALL KNOW THERE'S LITTLE MOISTURE ON MARS! THE MARTIANS HAVE SOME MEANS OF SUCKING UP OUR WATER AND PUMPING IT THROUGH SPACE TO THEIR OWN PLANET!

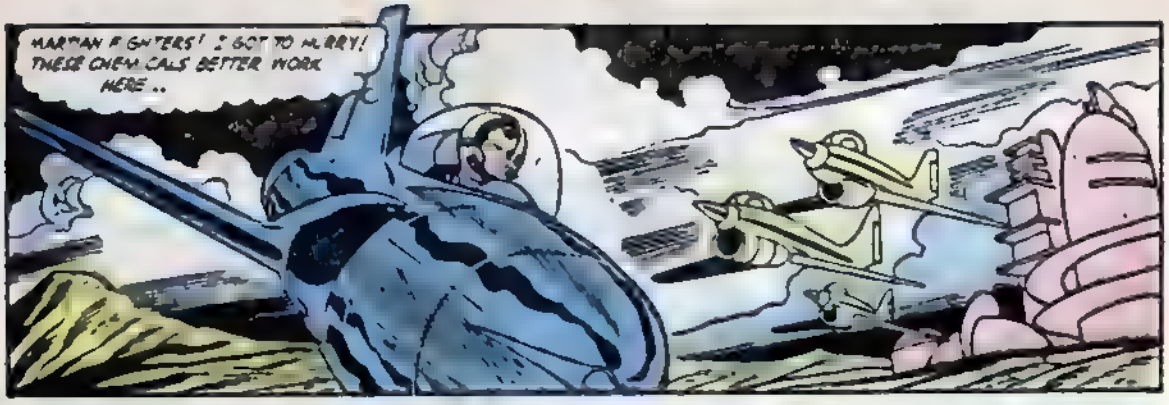
EXACTLY! McKAY'S GOING TO LEAD SOME FIGHTERS UP THERE!

U.S. ROCKET FIGHTERS RISE TOWARD THE SAUCER...

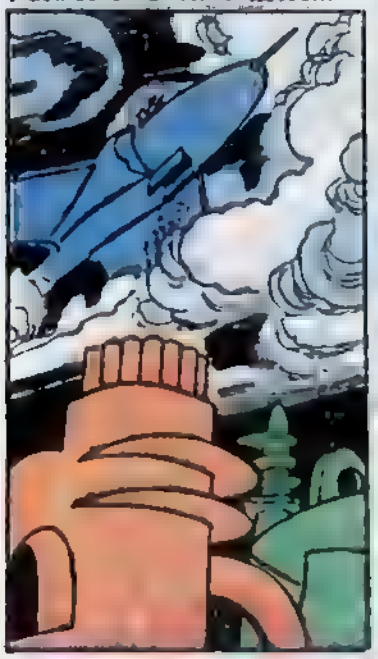
THIS IS UMBRELLA LEADER... MARTIAN SHIP IS LAUNCHING GUIDED MISSILES...

THE MARTIAN COUNTER-ATTACK DRIVES OFF THE EARTH FORCES!

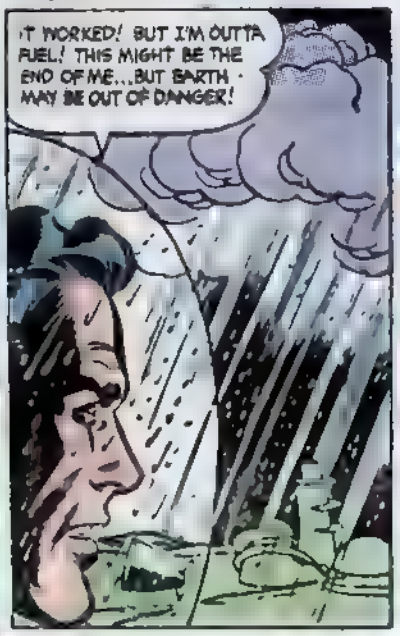

DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY USE, MCKAY--WE CAN'T GET NEAR THEM!
I HAVE ONE MORE IDEA THAT MIGHT WORK GENERAL.. ARE YOU WILLING TO LET ME TAKE A SPACE-TIGHT RAIN-MAKER SHIP?
IT'S LIFE OR DEATH! WE'LL TRY ANYTHING!
THIS IS A LONG-SHOT, BUT IT MIGHT WORK!
AT LAST MCKAY'S PLANE IS READY...
ONE SINGLE PLANE MIGHT GET PAST THOSE MISSILES. AND INTO THAT FORCE STREAM...
I'LL SURPRISE 'EM BY NOT ATTACKING ..BUT FLYING RIGHT INTO THAT STREAM OF WATER...
MCKAY FLIES INTO THE SURGING STREAM ..
...AND BLACKS OUT AS THE TERRIFIC FORCE HURTLES HIM INTO OUTER SPACE!
WONDER HOW LONG I WAS OUT? THE FORCE STREAM IS SLOWING DOWN ..WE'RE IN THE MARTIAN ATMOSPHERE! NOW TO TRY MY IDEA...



McKAY SOWS THE MARTIAN CLOUDS...

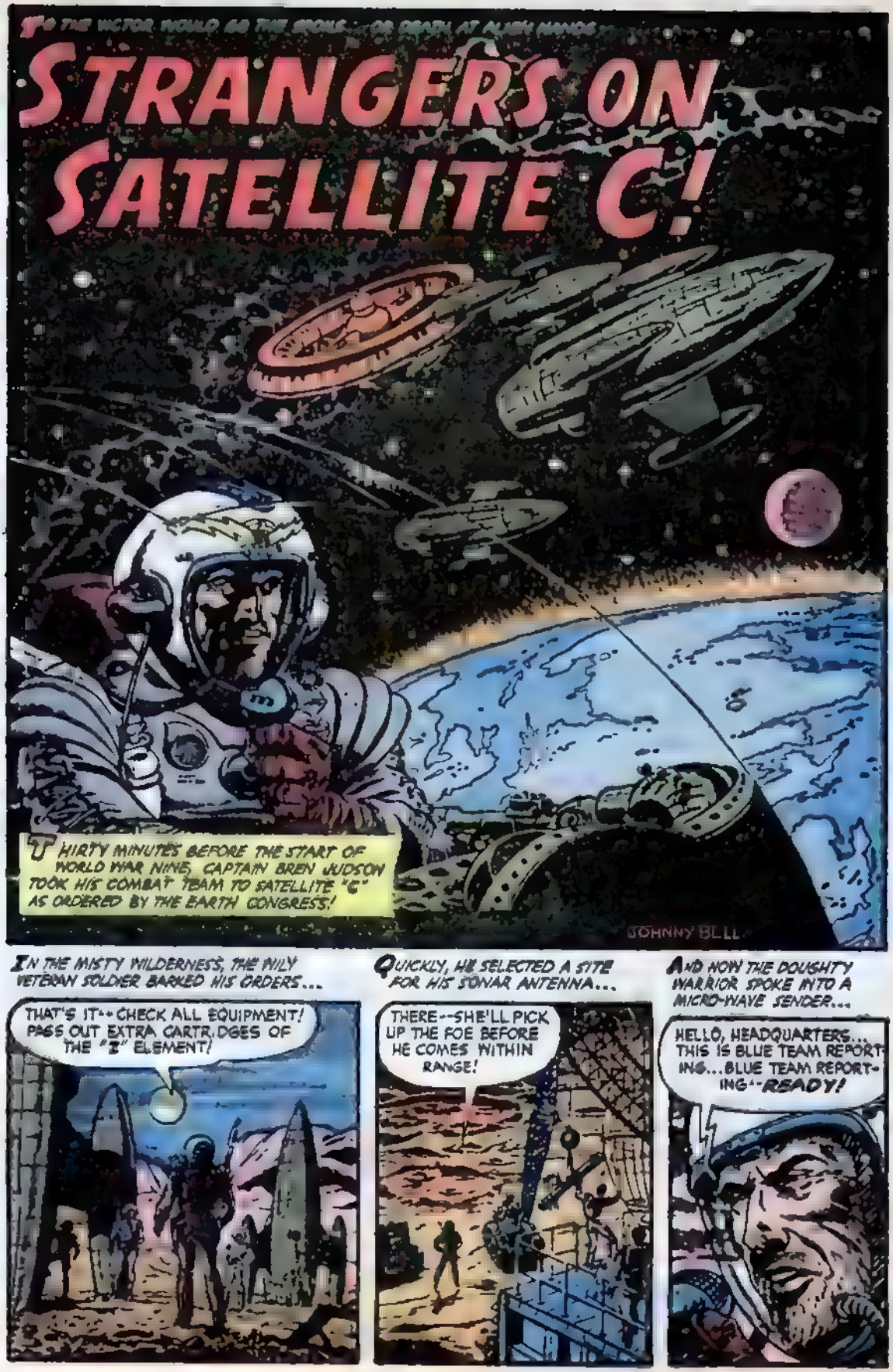


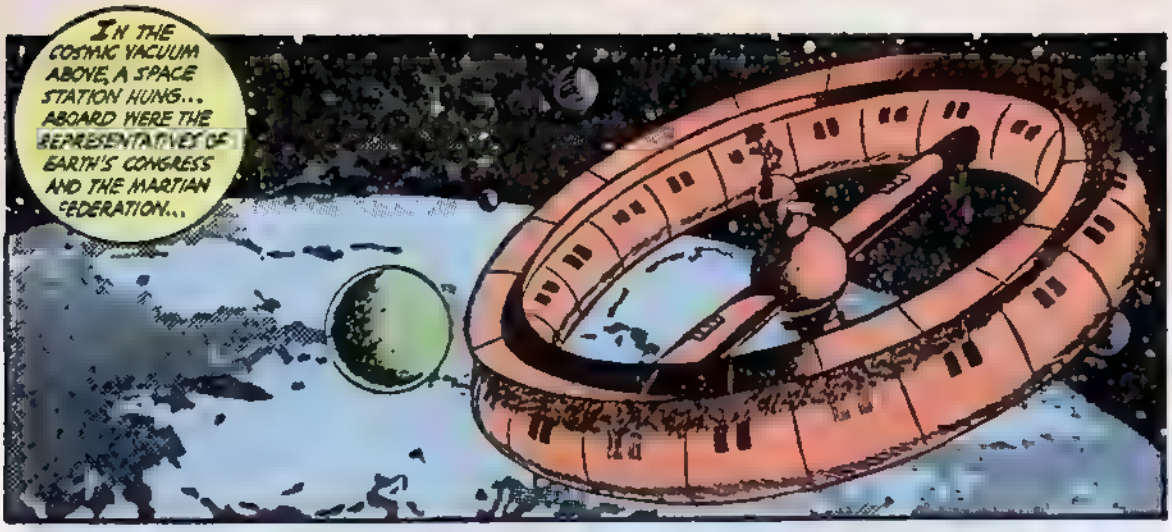
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF MARS, THE SKIES OPEN AND RAIN FALLS!



TWO WEEKS LATER...

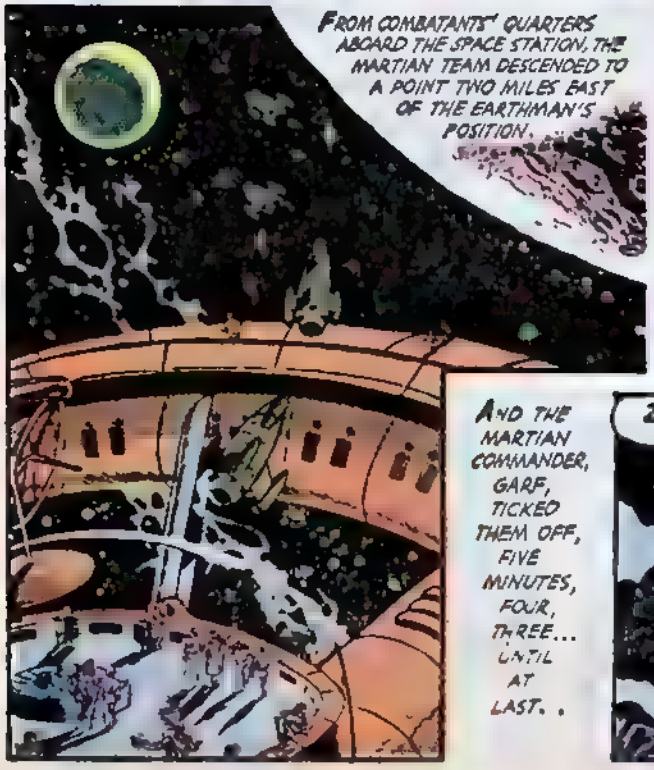
MCKAY WE'D GIVEN YOU UP! WHAT HAPPENED!
I JUST MADE SOME RAIN UP THERE, GENERAL...AND GAVE THEM SOME CHEMICALS! THEY WON'T STEAL ANY MORE WATER NOW!

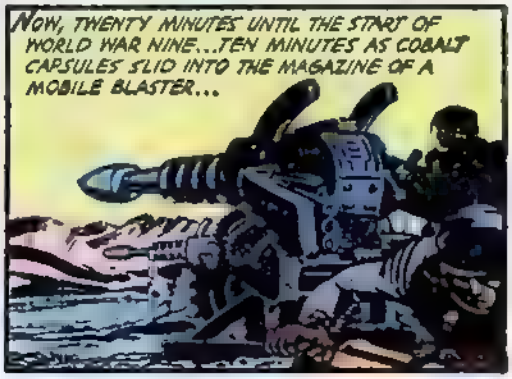

TO THE VICTOR WOULD GO THE SPOILS... OR DEATH AT ALIEN HANDS
STRANGERS ON SATELLITE C!
THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF WORLD WAR NINE, CAPTAIN BREN JUDSON TOOK HIS COMBAT TEAM TO SATELLITE "C" AS ORDERED BY THE EARTH CONGRESS!
JOHNNY BELL
IN THE MISTY WILDERNESS, THE WILY VETERAN SOLDIER BARKED HIS ORDERS...
THAT'S IT--CHECK ALL EQUIPMENT! PASS OUT EXTRA CARTRIDGES OF THE "I" ELEMENT!
QUICKLY, HE SELECTED A SITE FOR HIS SONAR ANTENNA...
THERE--SHE'LL PICK UP THE FOE BEFORE HE COMES WITHIN RANGE!
AND NOW THE DOUGHTY WARRIOR SPOKE INTO A MICRO-WAVE SENDER...
HELLO, HEADQUARTERS... THIS IS BLUE TEAM REPORTING...BLUE TEAM REPORTING--READY!


IN THE COSMIC VACUUM ABOVE, A SPACE STATION HUNG... ABOARD WERE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EARTH'S CONGRESS AND THE MARTIAN FEDERATION...

THEIR FAILURE TO AGREE HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE PRESENT CONDITIONS...
YOU FIRST DISCOVERED SATELLITE "C", BUT WE SURVEYED IT! THEREFORE COLONIZATION RIGHTS ARE OURS!
OUR PATIENCE IS ENDED, EARTHLING! THERE CAN BE BUT ONE SOLUTION--WAR!

ABOARD, TOO, WERE THE NEUTRAL JUDGES OF THE CONFLICT
IT IS UNDERSTOOD: MOST KILLS OR CAPTURES WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME SHALL DECIDE THE VICTOR!


FROM COMBATANTS' QUARTERS ABOARD THE SPACE STATION, THE MARTIAN TEAM DESCENDED TO A POINT TWO MILES EAST OF THE EARTHMAN'S POSITION.


NOW, TWENTY MINUTES UNTIL THE START OF WORLD WAR NINE...TEN MINUTES AS COBALT CAPSULES SLID INTO THE MAGAZINE OF A MOBILE BLASTER...

AND THE MARTIAN COMMANDER, GARF, TICKED THEM OFF, FIVE MINUTES, FOUR, THREE... UNTIL AT LAST. .
ZERO HOUR! ADVANCE AT WILL!

FROM FAR ABOVE, THE NEUTRAL JUDGES SAW THE BATTLE TEAMS MOVE WARILY INTO POSITION...

THE DISPOSITION OF SATELLITE 'C' WILL SOON BE SETTLED... TWO MINUTES AND THEY'LL BE WITHIN Z-BOLT RANGE.

BUT SUDDENLY, THE IMAGE WANED..

HELLO...HELLO...! COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS? I TELL YOU WE'VE LOST CONTACT COMPLETELY!

SOONER IN THE SPACE STATION'S KEE.. SAW THE CAUSE, MOMENTS LATER...

LIKE NOTHING I'VE EVER SEEN! INTERFERENCE ANTENNA-- LIKE A GIANT WEB!

IT SPEWED SPACEWARD FROM THE STRANGE CRAFT THAT CRACKED THE SURFACE OF SATELLITE 'C' IN THE PATH OF BREN JUDSON'S ADVANCING COMBAT CREW...

OUTWORLDERS-- SUB-SURFACE SHIP! TAKE COVER!

ROAR

BUT THE SIGHT OF "THINGS" THAT EMERGED FROM IT, FROZE THEIR BLOOD...

LOOK AT THEM, WOULD YOU-- LOOK!

THE STRANGERS ON SATELLITE 'C'-- NIGHTMARISH HORRORS FROM SOME UNKNOWN INSECT WORLD.. ADVANCING, MENACING, MOUTHING GIBBERISH..

AGAUH!

YUK

YUK-YUK!

GSSAH!..

BREN'S SWIFT BLASTER LIFTED. BUT TENTACLES LANCED OUT TWENTY YARDS!

ELECTRIFIED!

ALL WAS BLACKNESS THEN; FOR HOW LONG, BREN JUDSON COULD ONLY GUESS. A THOUSAND BLADES WERE STABBING HIS BODY, AND THOSE SOUNDS--FROM OUTER SPACE, IT SEEMED.
UUNNNGGGGHHHHHHHHH
NO, THAT WAS HIS OWN TEAM TANGLED WITH THOSE DEVIL-THINGS IN A LOSING FIGHT...
HISSS-AH! UNGHA! UK! HI--HI!
NO CHANCE-- WATCH THAT TENTACLE!
SSSSH
THE MARTIAN SQUAD HADN'T ESCAPED THEM EITHER. HAD THEY JOINED FORCES?
FALL BACK--GENERAL RETREAT! TO THE NORTH, EVERYONE!
AND--LISTEN! WASN'T THAT GARF, THE MARTIAN COMMANDER? WHAT'S THAT HE SAYS?
THE FOOL! DOESN'T HE KNOW ONLY THE RADITE CLIFFS ARE OVER THAT WAY? HE'LL BE TRAPPED!
BUT--WAIT! ONLY ONE WATCH ON THE STRANGER'S SHIP AND LONG RANGE CANNON JUTTING...
HAVE TO RISK IT... HAVE TO BE QUICK THOUGH! IF THAT CHARGED TENTACLE UNCOILS...
THE ALIEN WHIRLED AS THE HATCH DOOR CREAKED, BUT A HEAVY SPACE-BOOT SMASHED HIM BACK!

AND THEN, BREN WAS ALONE IN THE ALIEN SHIP, BEFORE A MAZE OF DIALS AND SWITCHES...

AH--SONAR SELF-COMPUTING SIGHTS. NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WE CAPTURED ON SATURN IN WAR EIGHT. SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THEM.

A MILE ACROSS THE MISTY WILDS, GARF'S FOLLOWERS, EARTHMEN AND MARTIANS ALIKE, FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE...

IT IS USELESS!

Y-I-I-I-I!

BUT, NOW, ALL WAS READY..

GOT 'EM LINED UP... HERE GOES!

THE STRANGE SHIP SHUDDERED AS HER CANNON SPOKE...HURLED BOLTS--LIKE NATURE'S FURY--THROUGH SPACE

WOOSHES

NIGHTMARE THINGS TURNED TO FLEE. BUT IT WAS USELESS. THEIR OWN SIGHTS TRACKED THEM DOWN. THEIR OWN GUNS DESTROYED THEM, FERTILIZED THE WILDS OF SATELLITE 'C' WITH THEIR OWN BLACK BLOOD.

BUT THERE WAS YET A WAR TO FIGHT. WHAT OF THE COLONIZATION RIGHTS?

BUT HOW CAN I FIGHT AGAINST YOU, BREN JUDSON, WHEN I OWE YOU MY VERY LIFE?

COMMUNICATIONS HAD BEEN RESTORED TO THE SPACE STATION..... AND STATESMEN SAW THE SEALING OF A FRIENDSHIP PACT...

WE COULD LEARN MUCH FROM OUR WARRIORS.

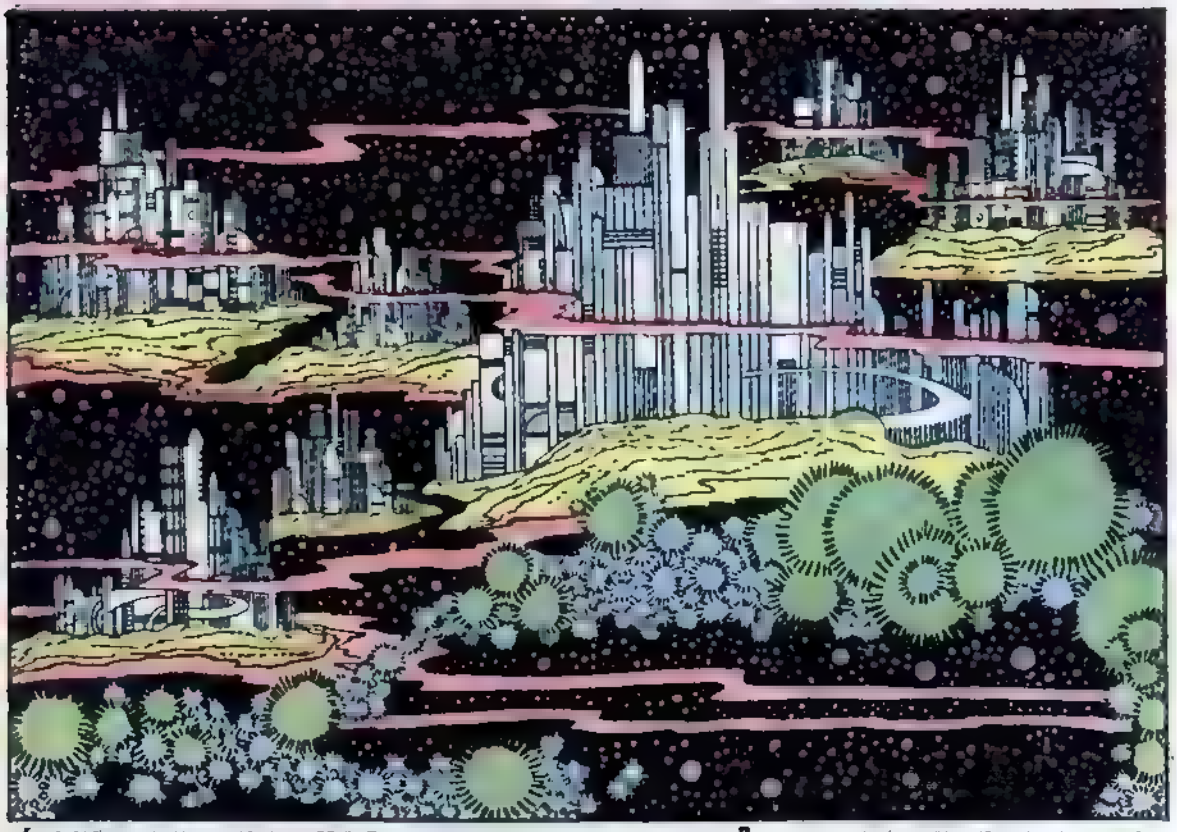
AND WE SHALL. THERE SHALL BE ROOM FOR BOTH OUR PEOPLES NOW THAT THERE ARE NO MURDEROUS STRANGERS ON SATELLITE 'C.'

THE END

KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON YOUR HUNGER FOR GOLD OR WIND UP

AMONG the MISSING

WHEREVER SPACE MEN GATHERED, THEY SPOKE OF THE **SEVEN CITIES OF SYBERNO**, AND WONDERED. WERE THEY THINGS OF REALITY OR OF MADMEN'S DREAMS? BLASTED FROM THEIR FOUNDATIONS WHEN WORLDS COLLIDED LONG AGO, THEY HAD DRIFTED AIMLESSLY SINCE THEN, ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS.



JAKE RADIK AND ALEC ROSS LEARNED THE TRUTH THAT DAY THE FREIGHTER, NORTH STAR, STRAYED OFF COURSE . .

BUT JAKE HAD STUDIED THE LEGENDS MORE CAREFULLY...

WAIT, ALEC. THEY SAY THERE'S A FORCE SCREEN THAT SHIELDS THE CITIES!
THAT WON'T STOP US -- NOTHING WILL! WE'RE GOING THROUGH -- STRAP IN!

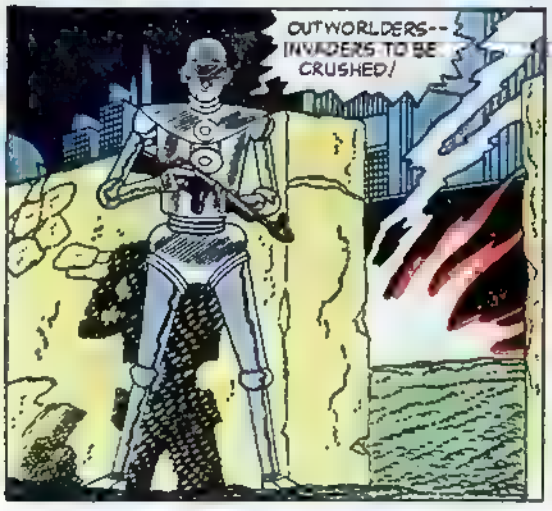
With a roar, the North Star leaped ahead to smash against the screening wall of space nettles. Seat straps severed...

And Jake and Alec felt themselves falling down...down--into a bottomless well of blackness.

But, finally, Alec's shout was a roar of glee...

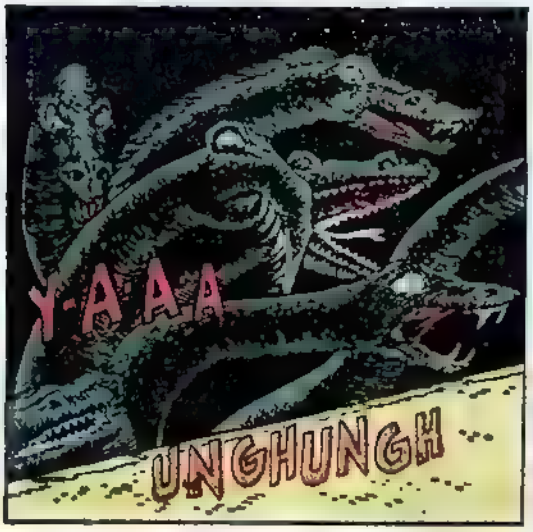
WE'RE THROUGH, JAKE--WE'RE THROUGH! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOTHING WAS GOING TO STOP US?
DON'T BE TOO SURE, ALEC! LOOK UP AHEAD THERE--THE CITY'S GATES!

There, a robot guardian towered. His Z-gun lifted as ultra-sensitive receptor tubes clicked a warning...

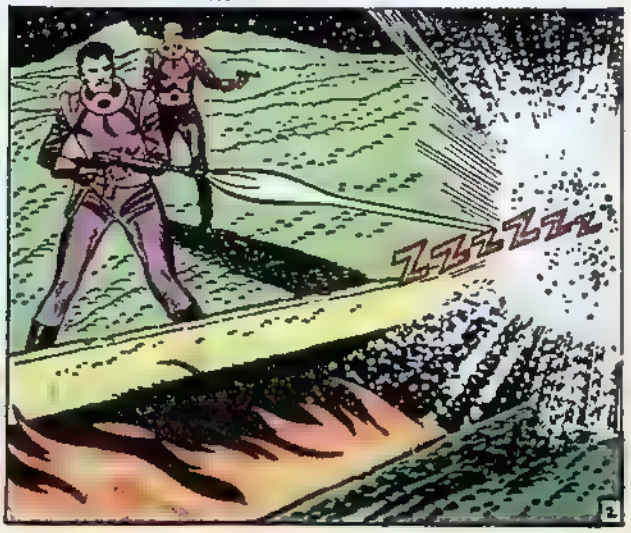


But now a blaster roared to life!

But beyond the gates, there was still a moat and nightmarish horrors wailing...



A bolt from the Z-gun, and a spire beyond came toppling down...



AND NOW THE MOAT WAS BRIDGED. ACROSS IT, THEY MOVED INTO THE STRANGE CITY..

COME ON...FOLLOW ME! BOY, FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS... MUST BE SYBERNO'S CAPITOL!

BUT IT WAS BROODING, SILENT NOW, AND THERE WAS AN AIR OF MUSTINESS ABOUT IT..

IT'S CREEPY, I TELL YOU, ALEC-- I DON'T LIKE IT!

WHEN YOU LINE YOUR POCKETS, YOU'LL THINK DIFFERENTLY. LET'S CHECK THAT JOINT OVER THERE-- LOOKS IMPORTANT!

BUT IN THE BUILDING'S DOORWAY, EVEN TOUGH ALEC ROSS FROZE IN FEAR...

LOOK HERE JAKE.. LOOK!

THERE WAS A BANQUET IN PROGRESS. BUT GUESTS AND SERVANTS LOOKED THROUGH OR BEYOND THE TWO NEWCOMERS FROM EARTH...

I DON'T GET IT, ALEC! WHY DON'T THEY SEE US? WHY DON'T THEY THROW SOMETHING-- OR ORDER US OUT?

ALEC HAD THE ANSWER, OR THOUGHT HE DID

DEEP SLEEP--SUSPENDED ANIMATION CONTROLLED BY SOME CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE... A MASTER BRAIN!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! HEY-- LOOK OVER THERE!

NOW THEIR EYES BULGED WIDE AS THEY SAW THE OBJECT OF THEIR QUEST...

GOLD--RADIUM.. WE'LL BE RICH AS NO KING EVER WAS! BUT--DO YOU FEEL SOMETHING STRANGE?

TOO LATE-- TOO LATE!

THEY COULD FEEL THE SOUND RATHER THAN HEAR IT. BUT IT'S THREAT WAS CRYSTAL-CLEAR

THAT'S IT--THE MASTER BRAIN! TURN THE SLEEPERS ON US UNLESS WE DESTROY IT! COME ON!

TOO LATE!

THE OMINOUS, PULSING NOTE LED THEM TO THE BUILDING CLOSEBY WHERE THEY SAW IT...

THE BRAIN--THE GREAT BRAIN OF SYBERNO! WHAT'S EATING YOU, JAKE?
CAN'T YOU FEEL IT, ALEC? THE WAVE-BEAT CHANGING, AS IF ADDRESSED TO SOMEONE--OR SOMETHING ELSE!

THEN METAL MONSTERS WERE DARTING IN, DIRECTED BY THE PULSE OF THE MACHINE-MIND...

IT'S WHITE-HOT BOLT SENT MOLTEN FRAGMENTS FLYING...

AGAIN, THE Z-GUN ROARED. BUT...WAIT. IS IT ONLY THEIR IMAGINATION THAT HEARS THAT LAST PULSE FROM THE BRAIN OF SYBERNO?

NOTHING TO FEAR. BUT NOW JAKE RADIK WAS RECALLING THE LEGENDS...

BUT AHEAD, BENEATH A FORCE SCREEN, LAY THE WRECKAGE OF THE FREIGHTER, NORTH STAR. THOSE TWISTED BODIES... JAKE RADIK AND ALEC ROSS, THE PLUNDERERS!

"NOT DEAD!" JAKE INSISTED IN A VOICE LIKE THE WIND'S WAIL--

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